

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF ENERGY CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC ) PSC DOCKET NO. 10-431  
SUPPLY SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE )  
OF DELAWARE (FILED DECEMBER 16, )  
2010) )

**ORDER NO. 7887**

**ELECTRIC SUPPLIER CERTIFICATE**

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011 the Commission determines and orders the following:

1. On December 16, 2010, Energy Consultants, LLC ("Energy Consultants" or the "Company"), filed an application seeking certification as a retail electric supplier in order to broker the sale or purchase of electric supply service (the "Application"). See 26 *Del. C.* §§1001(2), 1001(11), 1012(a). Under the Electric Utilities Restructuring Act of 1999 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> "electric suppliers", which includes brokers, are not "public utilities," and, accordingly, the resulting sales of electric supply service to retail customers are not subject to traditional forms of rate-regulation. See 26 *Del. C.* §§102(2), 202(f).<sup>2</sup>

2. In the Application, the Company reports that it is a broker that will utilize appropriate energy procurement strategies to meet the needs of its residential, commercial and industrial customers in Delaware. Staff reports that the Company's application fulfills all

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<sup>1</sup> See 26 *Del. C.* Ch. 10 (2004 Supp.), as amended by the "Electric Utility Retail Customer Supply Act of 2006," 75 *Del. Laws* Ch. 242 (2006).

<sup>2</sup> Under the Act, a "broker" is an agent or intermediary in the sale or purchase of electricity to, or by, retail electric customers. Although a broker never takes "title" to the electric supply product, the Act deems a broker an "electric supplier." See 26 *Del. C.* §§ 1001(2), 1001(11)c.

of the requirements for an Electric Supplier Certificate to act as a broker as set forth in the Commission's Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers (the "ES Rules"). In particular, Staff reports that the Company appears to possess the financial, operational, managerial, and technical capabilities to operate as a broker of electric supply service. Based on Staff's report, the Commission hereby issues to Energy Consultants an Electric Supplier Certificate, allowing it to broker sales and customer purchases of electric supply services in the State of Delaware consistent with the scheme adopted by the Act and the ES Rules.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT  
FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That Energy Consultants, LLC is hereby granted under 26 *Del. C.* §1012(a) and the Commission's "Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers" a certificate to do business, and operate, as an "Electric Supplier" (broker) within the State of Delaware. Under this Certificate, Energy Consultants, LLC is authorized to broker Electric Supply Service within this State in accordance with 26 *Del. C.* Ch. 10.

2. That Energy Consultants, LLC shall at all times provide its brokerage of Electric Supply Service in accordance with the requirements imposed by 26 *Del. C.* Ch. 10 and the Commission's "Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers" as presently adopted, or as may be hereafter amended or supplemented. Energy Consultants, LLC is hereby notified that a violation of any applicable statute, rule or other controlling authority may be enforced by the

sanctions permitted by 26 *Del. C.* §1012(a) and §10.2 of the "Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers".

3. That Energy Consultants, LLC shall, pursuant to the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* §1012(c)(2) and §§3.9 and 3.10 of the "Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers," file such reports and pay such fees and assessments as may be required, or may be imposed, by 26 *Del. C.* §§114 and 115.

4. That Energy Consultants, LLC consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware for all acts or omissions related to its offering of electric supply services in this State.

5. That Energy Consultants, LLC is hereby placed on notice that the costs of the proceedings will be charged to it under the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* § 114(b)(1).

6. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae  
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley  
Secretary